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Applicant : Bradley C. Linden et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 14, 1999. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 62, 63 and 95, add claims 163-166 and amend claims 57, 67, 70, 74, 75, 78, 82, 83, 86, 91, 93, 97, 103, 110, 116, 117, 120, 125, 130, 132, 133, 139, 140, 142, 143, 147, 151 and 155 as follows:

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57. (Amended) An intravascular therapeutic catheter comprising: an elongate catheter body having a distal portion;

a tissue penetrating member disposed proximate the distal portion, operably coupled to the elongate catheter body, and having a first non-penetrating position and a second tissue penetrating position; and

an actuator member disposed proximate the distal portion and operably coupled to the tissue penetrating member, for moving the tissue penetrating member from one of the first or second positions in a direction substantially non-parallel to the catheter body to

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